



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT Application of
Yamaguchi *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 2874

Application No. 10/717,498

Examiner: Unknown

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For: OPTICAL FIBER FOR ATTENUATING OPTICAL SIGNAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above-identified application as follows.